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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Case/Department of Justice

1. Pursuant to your request, Mr. Lowther of the Justice Department phoned on the afternoon of Friday, 22 August. I invited him to come over and have a chat respecting the requests which he had made on [REDACTED] of the Office of our General Counsel.

2. Lowther inquired whether I planned to discuss ways and means of responding to his request or the question of policy as to whether or not we would respond. I told him that it would be the latter. He also inquired whether or not I planned to discuss the point which you had earlier raised as to dropping count one of the indictment. I said that I did plan to discuss this point.

3. Lowther then requested an opportunity to have a talk with his superiors and later phoned back and stated that in the absence of Mr. Murray (the new Chief of Criminal Division) he did not feel qualified to discuss these questions. He stated that the Department of Justice would get in touch with me some time early next week in order to pursue this discussion. I stated that we would be glad to talk with them at any time and suggested that they first try to get in touch with you. I further suggested that Lowther brief Mr. Murray on the facts and background of this case, since Murray did not seem to be familiar with them when you talked to him, and Lowther indicated that he would do so. Accordingly, the next move is up to the Department of Justice.



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Deputy Director/Intelligence

Attachment - Background re Subject

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Re [redacted] Case

Lowther of the Justice Department called me this afternoon and asked me to get for him the following information which he said he needed for the coming trial [redacted]

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2. The name of the individual in CIA who transmitted [redacted] story to the State Department (Lowther said that he wanted to interview this man personally).

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3. All the information on [redacted] that we had in our files Lowther said he would like to examine these files himself.

I told Lowther that I was, of course, most anxious to cooperate but that I had to obtain prior approval before I could give him any of the above information.

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Lowther said that he was anxious to get the information by tomorrow or at the latest early next week as he had to prepare his case [redacted]

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